



# Fairfields Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed our first week back with the children after the half term break, and some lovely autumn weather to enjoy activities outside and our WOW starts to our new topics. There has been a really great buzz of excitement in the school!

The children were amazing with their school photos on Thursday and we hope you enjoy seeing their pictures. Thank you for bearing with us after school to get sibling photos done too- it is hard to facilitate this in school time in such a large school, but we know that parents value these pictures so we wanted to try and accommodate them if we could.

We look forward to joining you for parents evening next week or the week after. Please do book in to find out how your child has settled into their new class. We will have several other visitors joining us on parents evening for you to talk to whilst you are in school including the School Nursing Team, the Mental Health in Schools Team, Costello School and our own PTA.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs Vicky Hopkins



Whole school  
attendance:  
94.9%

National  
average:  
95.2%

Our target:  
96%

## Parents evenings

Monday 10th November, 15:40 - 18:00

Wednesday 19th November, 15:40 - 18:00

Appointments can be made to meet with your child's teacher on Arbor.

## Starting primary school in September 2026/Fairfields open mornings

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they can start school in September 2026. **Applications are open until Thursday 15th January 2026.** For more information go to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

We are holding the following open mornings for prospective parents to come into school, hear from Mrs Hopkins and have a tour of the school. If you would like to book a place on one of these please contact the School Office.

- Thursday 20th November
- Wednesday 3rd December



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## Second-hand or new toys needed: can you help?

We have a number of children who benefit from play-based interventions in school to support their language skills and social and emotional development. Our supply of suitable toys is running low, so if you're planning a clear-out—or have recently had one—we'd be incredibly grateful for any donations.

Items need to be solid, undamaged, clean, and washable. Plastic and wooden toys work best and as we do not have a large space to store them, they need to be small playset size. The type of items we need are:

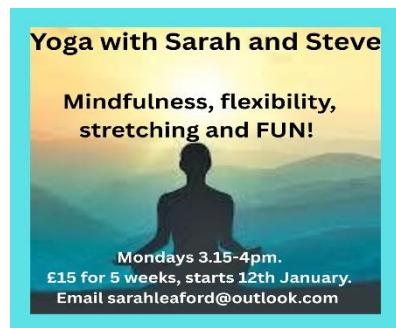
- Plastic Duplo figures
- Small figures (men, women and children)
- Small items of furniture (doll house size)
- Farm set accessories: buildings, fences, gates, and trees (small set size)
- Small animals (farm, zoo and pets) especially parent and young
- Small dolls and clothes
- Small dolls bath set (bath, brush, cloth)
- Pretend food and drink
- Play plates, cups, and cutlery

Here are some images of the types of items we need:



If you can donate any of these items they can dropped into the School Office. Thank you.

## Yoga with Sarah and Steve



We were delighted to receive such glowing feedback from Sarah following the first session of our new Yoga Club! Sarah praised the children for their excellent behaviour and participation in the session. We are excited to let you know that Sarah will be running a further block of sessions after Christmas. Please contact Sarah directly to book your child's place.





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## PTA update

**Flash Sale! – Quiz Night – £6 tickets for the next 48 hours only! Book here** to take advantage of 25% off!

Join us on **21<sup>st</sup> November 7-10pm** for a fun-filled evening of trivia, laughter, and community spirit at our Quiz Night, designed especially for parents to enjoy a night out while supporting our school! Whether you're a trivia whiz or just in it for the laughs, this is a night you won't want to miss! Bring your friends, book your babysitter, and let's make it a night to remember! You can come as team or make up your team on the night.

## Christmas Fair, 11th December, 4.30pm-7pm

Early Bird! Get 10% OFF on every [10 Christmas Fair 2025 Tokens](#) until 30th November for games, activities, food and drink. You can also book for [Meet the Santa tickets](#). Note these are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

NEW! Online Christmas Raffle! With feedback from our survey showing support for an online raffle, we are pleased to announce that you can now buy [Raffle Tickets online](#)! Top prize is £100 and there will be many more prizes announced over the coming weeks and added to the raffle page.

Volunteers needed! Please also have a look if you can volunteer. We do *rely on volunteers* to have a large variety of activities and games, so please have a look to see how you can help with set-up, during or after the event. There are two timeslots (4.30-5.45pm & 5.45-7.00pm), so you can still enjoy time at the fair with your family. You can sign-up [here](#) or come and see us at one of the parent evenings to choose a slot and ask any questions.

## Year group updates

**Foundation Stage** enjoyed having their first individual school photographs this week. They all did brilliantly! They have been busy thinking about Remembrance Day by making poppies using tissue paper and paper. They look fantastic. In Maths, the children have started looking at 3D shapes and positional words to describe where an object is. In Drawing Club, the children have been learning the story *A T-wit for a T-woo*, all about owls. Well done, Foundation Stage for a super first week back after half term. Have a lovely weekend!

This week, **Year 1** had a surprise visit from the Three Little Pigs! We discovered them outside with their houses blown down by the Big Bad Wolf—what a dramatic start to our new writing focus! The children have been working incredibly hard and earning house points by showing our core values—well done, everyone!

Year 1 dates for your diary (more details about the trips will be shared closer to the time):



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- Local Area Walk – Tuesday 18th November, 1:00–2:30pm. Please let us know if you can help.
- QMC Trip – Tuesday 13th January 2026 ((Warsaw in the morning, Rome in the afternoon). Volunteers needed.
- Marwell Zoo Trip – Friday 20th March 2026 (all day). Volunteers needed.

**Year 2** have had an exciting week recreating the Titanic! On Monday afternoon, children boarded the famous ship as passengers and crew members. They learnt about the different types of passengers on board the ship and why they were travelling to New York. The children were supported to understand the tragic events of the Titanic, learning the reasons why so many people were lost at sea. In writing, we have started a new book and children are building up to writing their own ending for the book. In maths, we have been practicing measuring with a ruler to the nearest cm. If you could continue to practice this with your child at home that would be fantastic.

Autumn 2 events:

21st November - SeaCity letters due

11th December - SeaCity trip

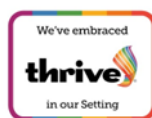
16th December - parent showcase (2.40-3pm)

**Year 3** have had a fantastic first week learning all about the Romans! They loved discovering ancient artefacts hidden in the sand, using their archeological skills to uncover clues about Roman life. They also created beautiful mosaic designs inspired by Roman art and had great fun practising their marching and formations as Roman soldiers. It's been a wonderful start to our topic. Well done year 3!



**Year 4** have had a fantastic first week back! We've kicked off our new topic on the Vikings, making longships and even taking part in a Viking-style bootcamp. In guided reading, we've started *Beowulf*, and the children are already hooked on the heroic adventures. A brilliant start to the term!

This week, **Year 5** attended an important meeting on Teams! We spoke to Miss Warwick's cousin, Kendra, who lives in the Australian Outback on a cattle station. The nearest village is nearly 50 miles away! Our children are now picking Australian animals to study and will be







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liaising with Kendra for more information. It's our turn to do the Top of the Rocks battle next week which is a times tables competition against other schools.

**Year 6** have had a great first week back! The children have really enjoyed immersing themselves in our new whole-class reading book, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. We were thoroughly impressed by their behaviour on the Autumn Walk with their FS buddies. They were incredible role models—showing such care, enthusiasm, and kindness in supporting their buddies. A huge well done to all of them! Thank you also to the parents who kindly volunteered to help on the trip, your support is always appreciated.

Dates for your diary	
Monday 10th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Monday 17th November	Nasal flu immunisations (all years)
Wednesday 19th November	Parent's evening, 3.40pm-6pm
Friday 21st November	PTA Quiz Night at Proteus, 7pm-10pm
Friday 5th December	Year 6 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 11th December	Year 4 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Thursday 11th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th December	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum
Friday 12th December	Year 5 Parent Showcase, 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December	Year 2 Parent Showcase, 2.40pm
<b>NEW!</b> Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18th December	PTA reindeer visit
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 6th January	First day of Spring term



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<b>NEW!</b> Tuesday 13th January	Year 1 trip to QMC
Thursday 15th January	Applications close for Year R admissions for September 2026
Wednesday 4th February – Friday 6th February	Year 4 residential to Ufton Court
<b>NEW!</b> Friday 20th March	Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo

## Start and finish times are as follows:

- Foundation Stage, years 1 and 2: 8.40am- 3.10pm
- Years 3- 6: 8.45am- 3.15pm

## PE days for the autumn term are as follows:

FS: No PE this term  
Year 1: Tuesday (outdoor)  
Year 2: Thursday (outdoor)  
Year 3: Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)  
Year 4: Monday (outdoor)  
Year 5: Friday (outdoor)  
Year 6: Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)



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